

## **Articles of CCC's Constitution**

### **11.3 Functions of the Monitoring Officer**

#### **(a) Maintaining the Constitution**

The monitoring officer will maintain an up-to-date version of the Constitution and will ensure that it is widely available for consultation by members, staff and the public.

#### **(b) Ensuring Lawfulness and Fairness of Decision Making**

After consulting with the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer, the Monitoring Officer will report to the full Council or to the Executive Board in relation to an executive function if he or she considers that any proposal, decision or omission would give rise to unlawfulness or if any decision or omission has given rise to maladministration. Such a report will have the effect of stopping the proposal or decision being implemented until the report has been considered.

#### **(c) Supporting the Standards Committee**

The Monitoring Officer will contribute to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct through provision of support to the Standards Committee.

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#### **(d) Receiving Reports**

The Monitoring Officer will receive and act on reports made by the Ombudsman and decisions of the case tribunals.

#### **(e) Conducting Investigations**

The Monitoring Officer will conduct investigations into matters referred by the Ombudsman and make reports or recommendations in respect of them to the Standards Committee.

#### **(f) Proper Officer for Access to Information**

The Monitoring Officer will ensure that Cabinet decisions, together with the reasons for those decisions and relevant officer reports and background papers are made publicly available as soon as possible.

(g) Advising Whether Decisions of the Cabinet are Within the Budget and Policy Framework. The Monitoring Officer will advise whether decisions of the Cabinet are in accordance with the budget and policy framework.

(h) Providing Advice

The Monitoring Officer will provide advice on the scope of powers and authority to take decisions, maladministration, probity and budget and policy framework issues to all councillors.

(i) Restrictions on Posts

The Monitoring Officer cannot be the Chief Finance Officer or the Chief Executive.